

**OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
STAFF REPORT**

MEETING DATE: February 22, 2016

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 3E

STAFF: Ann Bollinger, Open Space Administrator

REQUEST: **For Possible Action:** To recommend to the Board of Supervisors submittal of a grant application to the Land and Water Conservation Fund for fee-title acquisition of 20 acres, APN 007-051-81, located along Highway 50 and owned by W. Michael Fagen.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

The subject parcel is located along U.S. Highway 50 with Carson City ownership to the north (purchased by the Open Space Program in 2005) and State of Nevada ownership to the west. It is located just east of the Clear Creek interchange. The property is identified on the Open Space Opportunities Map for possible acquisition. One of the possible advantages of ownership by Carson City is a trailhead facility and trail linkage at the underpass with Douglas County.

Per the recommended actions of the Open Space Advisory Committee, Parks and Recreation Commission, and Board of Supervisors, staff has been working throughout the past year with Mr. Fagen to identify and research potential parcels through the City as a possible trade. Several parcels were identified but thus far, only one parcel owned/ managed by the Parks Division remains a potential option.

Whether a trade is possible or not, it is anticipated that the value will be less than the subject parcel. Therefore, staff has identified the Land and Water Conservation Fund as a possible funding source to complete the transaction. The match requirement is 50% and the application period will be in the late summer/early fall 2016.

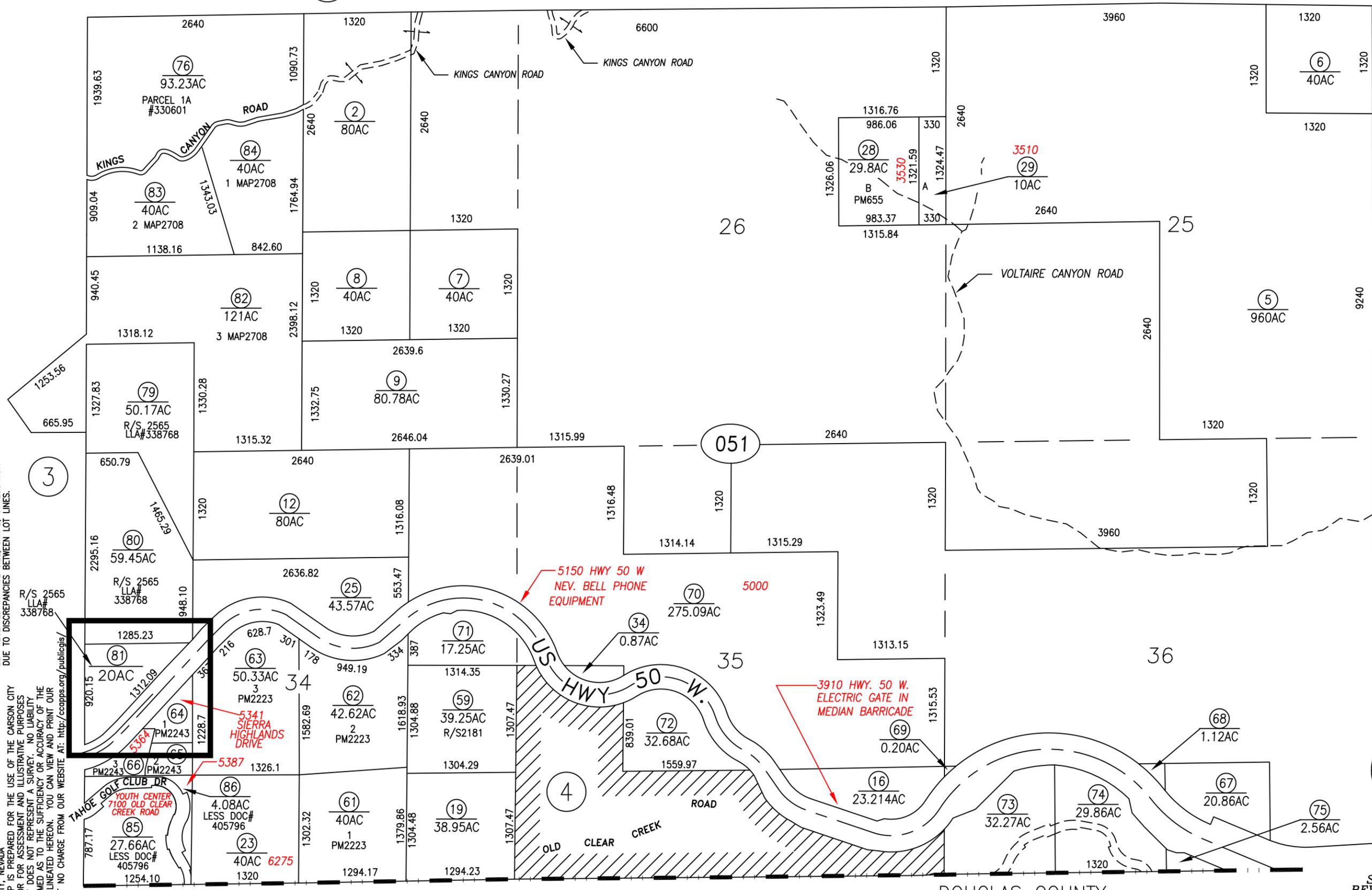
According to an email from Mr. Fagen in September 2014, MAI appraiser Bill Kimmel provided the opinion that \$250,000 is a fair value. The value of the fee-title purchase will be determined through an appraisal.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: I move to recommend to the Board of Supervisors submittal of a grant application to the Land and Water Conservation Fund for fee-title acquisition of 20 acres, APN 007-051-81, located along Highway 50 and owned by W. Michael Fagen.

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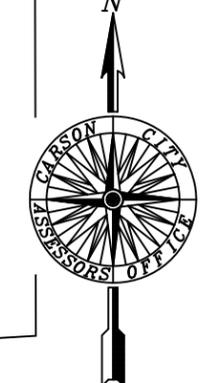
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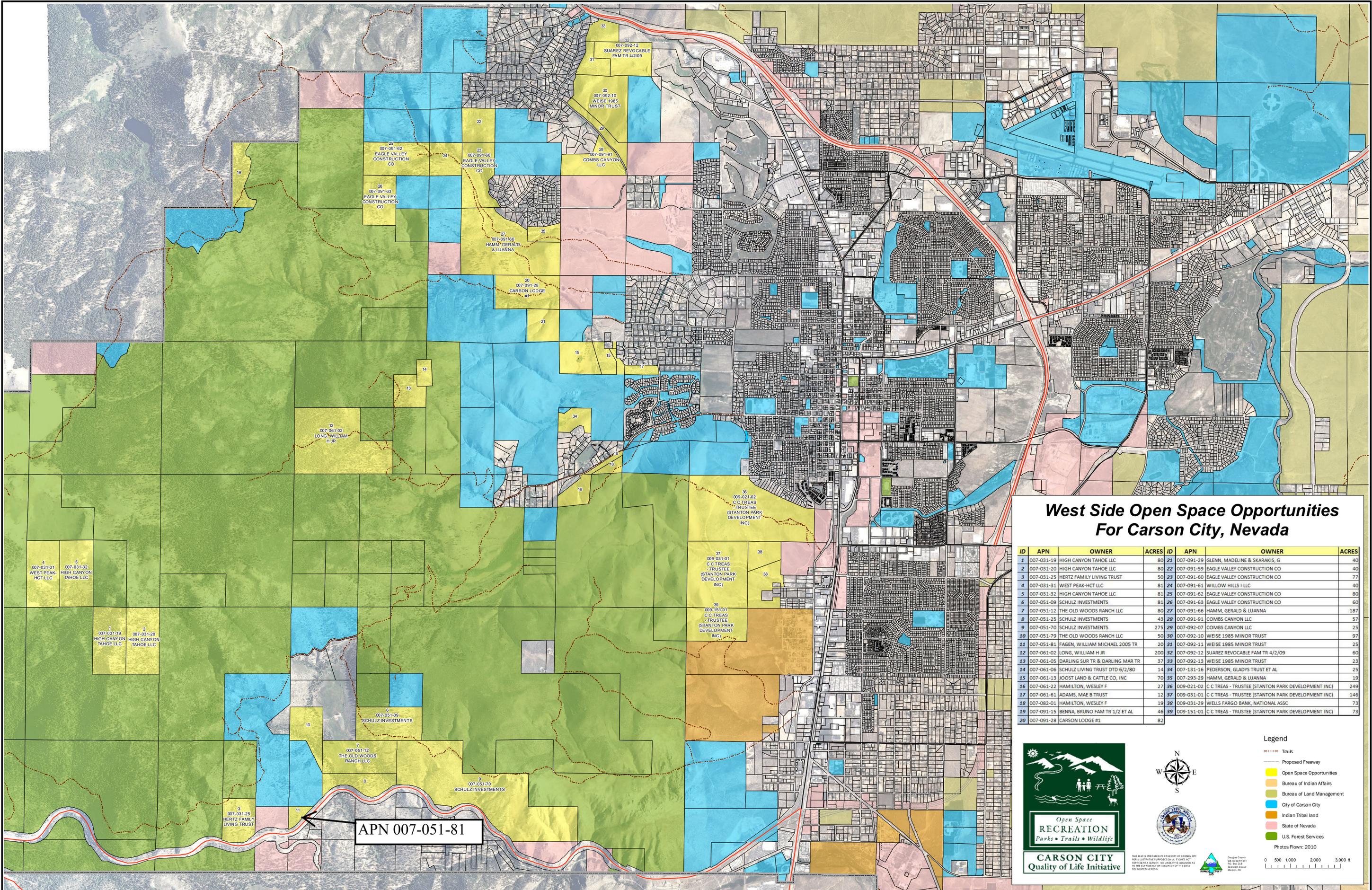
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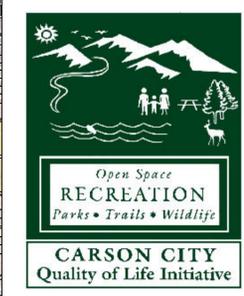
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West Side Open Space Opportunities For Carson City, Nevada

ID	APN	OWNER	ACRES	ID	APN	OWNER	ACRES
1	007-031-19	HIGH CANYON TAHOE LLC	80	21	007-091-29	GLENN, MADELINE & SKARAKIS, G	40
2	007-031-20	HIGH CANYON TAHOE LLC	80	22	007-091-59	EAGLE VALLEY CONSTRUCTION CO	40
3	007-031-25	HERTZ FAMILY LIVING TRUST	50	23	007-091-60	EAGLE VALLEY CONSTRUCTION CO	77
4	007-031-31	WEST PEAK-HCT LLC	81	24	007-091-61	WILLOW HILLS I LLC	40
5	007-031-32	HIGH CANYON TAHOE LLC	81	25	007-091-62	EAGLE VALLEY CONSTRUCTION CO	80
6	007-051-09	SCHULZ INVESTMENTS	81	26	007-091-63	EAGLE VALLEY CONSTRUCTION CO	60
7	007-051-12	THE OLD WOODS RANCH LLC	80	27	007-091-66	HAMM, GERALD & LUANNA	187
8	007-051-25	SCHULZ INVESTMENTS	48	28	007-091-91	COMBS CANYON LLC	57
9	007-051-70	SCHULZ INVESTMENTS	275	29	007-092-07	COMBS CANYON LLC	25
10	007-051-79	THE OLD WOODS RANCH LLC	50	30	007-092-10	WEISE 1985 MINOR TRUST	97
11	007-051-81	FAGEN, WILLIAM MICHAEL 2005 TR	20	31	007-092-11	WEISE 1985 MINOR TRUST	25
12	007-061-02	LONG, WILLIAM H JR	200	32	007-092-12	SUAREZ REVOCABLE FAM TR 4/2/09	60
13	007-061-05	DARLING SUR TR & DARLING MAR TR	37	33	007-092-13	WEISE 1985 MINOR TRUST	23
14	007-061-06	SCHULZ LIVING TRUST DTD 6/2/80	14	34	007-131-16	PEDERSON, GLADYS TRUST ET AL	25
15	007-061-13	JOOST LAND & CATTLE CO, INC	70	35	007-293-29	HAMM, GERALD & LUANNA	19
16	007-061-22	HAMILTON, WESLEY F	27	36	009-021-02	C C TREAS - TRUSTEE (STANTON PARK DEVELOPMENT INC)	249
17	007-061-61	ADAMS, MAE B TRUST	12	37	009-031-01	C C TREAS - TRUSTEE (STANTON PARK DEVELOPMENT INC)	146
18	007-082-01	HAMILTON, WESLEY F	19	38	009-031-29	WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSC	73
19	007-091-15	BENNA, BRUNO FAM TR 1/2 ET AL	46	39	009-151-01	C C TREAS - TRUSTEE (STANTON PARK DEVELOPMENT INC)	73
20	007-091-28	CARSON LODGE #1	82				

APN 007-051-81



- Legend**
- Trails
 - Proposed Freeway
 - Yellow Open Space Opportunities
 - Orange Bureau of Indian Affairs
 - Green Bureau of Land Management
 - Blue City of Carson City
 - Brown Indian Tribal land
 - Pink State of Nevada
 - Light Green U.S. Forest Services
- Photos Flown: 2010



OPEN SPACE EVALUATION FORM

Landowner William Michael Fagen 2005 Trust
Assessor's Parcel Number 007-051-81
Location U.S. Highway 50 west; Sec 34 15/19 NW4 SW4
Access U.S. Highway 50 west
Zoning Conservation Reserve
Master Plan Single Family

Table A. Physical Characteristics

For each parcel, select the highest value for each physical feature. If none apply, leave blank.

Physical Feature	Defining Authorities	Characteristics (check if present or applicable)	Value
Wildlife Habitats / Corridors	US Fish & Wildlife Service, NV Dept of Wildlife, or documented scientific observation	<input type="checkbox"/> Contains habitat or corridor for threatened or endangered (T&E) species <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contains high value habitat for non-T&E species <input type="checkbox"/> Contains migration corridor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Observed presence of wildlife or fish	<input type="checkbox"/> Very High <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moderate

The habitat value ranges from medium to high. With U.S. Highway 50 lying adjacent to the property, one would expect wildlife impacts due to traffic, noise, and a fragmented landscape. To the north, the adjacent parcel is owned by Carson City (Open Space) and most of the surrounding area is also Carson City (Open Space) or U.S. Forest Service. These undeveloped areas generally provide an unfragmented landscape, thereby providing better conditions for wildlife.

The property includes a diverse plant community with a mixed-age class of conifers. The bitterbrush is a preferred browse for mule deer and provides good cover for a number of mammals and birds.

Wildlife was not actually observed; however rabbit scat was plentiful.

Natural Communities	US Army Corps of Eng. or competent specialist, such as the Nevada Natural Heritage Program	<input type="checkbox"/> Has healthy, sustainable riparian area <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Presence of mature canopy trees, shrubs <input type="checkbox"/> Majority of parcel with healthy native grasses <input type="checkbox"/> Contains jurisdictional (ACOE) wetlands	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Low
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The plant community is diverse with shrubs (bitterbrush, sagebrush, and manzanita), a mixed-age class of conifers (Jeffery Pine and Ponderosa Pine) with an average of two trees per acres, and a minor component of grasses (squirreltail and bluegrass) and forbs (arrowleaf balsamroot). Cheatgrass is present but not abundant.

Landform / Scenic Quality	Committee, staff, consultants	<input type="checkbox"/> Open water (lakes, ponds, river, stream) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contains ridge or promontory with long views <input type="checkbox"/> Contains a valley that provides enclosure / privacy	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Medium
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The property generally consists of steep topography. A lower bench provides long views to the Carson Valley.

Visibility	Committee, staff, consultants	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Visible from major roads <input type="checkbox"/> Visible only from local roads <input type="checkbox"/> Visible primarily from adjacent residences	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> Low
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The property is adjacent to U.S. Highway 50.

Size	Staff	<input type="checkbox"/> Large than 40 acres <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20 to 40 acres <input type="checkbox"/> 10 to 20 acres	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> Low
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20 acres

Accessibility	Committee, staff, consultants	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Significant portions can be opened to public <input type="checkbox"/> Limited portions opened to public use	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Medium
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While significant portions can be open to the public, access would need to be developed.

Historic / Cultural	State Historic Preservation Office	<input type="checkbox"/> Known or high potential archaeological resource <input type="checkbox"/> Historic designation (national, state, or local) <input type="checkbox"/> Significant local cultural feature (physical landmark, working farm, unique structure, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate
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At this time, the historic and cultural resources are unknown but they are also unlikely.

Water Protection	CC Public Works	<input type="checkbox"/> Within 5 year well protection zone <input type="checkbox"/> Within 10 year well protection zone <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contains high-infiltration soils within watershed protection area	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> High <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medium
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According to the Open Space Plan, the "Health / Safety Considerations" map found in the appendix identifies the property in the watershed protection area.

Flood Hazard	Federal Emergency Management Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Within FEMA-designated 100 year floodplain <input type="checkbox"/> Within area of known flooding	<input type="checkbox"/> Low <input type="checkbox"/> Medium
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None

Prime Farmland	US Dept of Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Land has statewide agricultural importance (irrigated farmland)	<input type="checkbox"/> High
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None

Submitted by: _____

Date: _____

Table B. Prioritizing Factors

This part of the evaluation assumes that some form of acquisition is necessary to protect the parcel(s) not otherwise protected by existing City, State or Federal regulation (wetlands, floodplain, easements, etc.)

For each parcel check the most appropriate priority factor for each category below.

Category	Definition (check if present)	Priority
Uniqueness of Habitat Type	<input type="checkbox"/> One of few remaining examples of at least one characteristic in Table A	<input type="checkbox"/> High
	<input type="checkbox"/> Habitat or physical setting is relatively rare in Carson City	<input type="checkbox"/> Low

No

Ease of Acquisition	<input type="checkbox"/> Landowner motivated to sell at less cost than market value	<input type="checkbox"/> High
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Can be acquired with terms (options, payment structure, trade, etc.) favorable to the city	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medium
	<input type="checkbox"/> Cost is not greater than appraised value, terms are not unfavorable	<input type="checkbox"/> Low

The land owner is interested in a sale to the Open Space Program and willing to consider a trade.

Potential To Share Cost	<input type="checkbox"/> Likely significant participation of non-city funding partners	<input type="checkbox"/> High
	<input type="checkbox"/> Likely participation from other funding sources	<input type="checkbox"/> Medium
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Likely significant participation from other city departments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Low

If a trade is available, it's likely that participation from another city department will be required. A trade could provide a cost savings in the actual purchase price.

Urgency	<input type="checkbox"/> Development is imminent	<input type="checkbox"/> High
	<input type="checkbox"/> For sale (acquisition / development likely)	<input type="checkbox"/> Medium
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private negotiation, not on open market	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Low

At the present time, the transaction is a private negotiation. However, if the OSAC does not wish to pursue acquisition, it is anticipated the property will be placed for sale.

Is a Significant Part of Open Space Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Located within an Open Space priority area	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parcel is designated on current Open Space master plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medium
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adjacent to or can be linked to other Open Space parcel(s), trail(s), or park(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medium

Hillside Priority Area

Citizen Support	<input type="checkbox"/> Has city-wide citizen support / advocacy	<input type="checkbox"/> High
	<input type="checkbox"/> Has local citizen support	<input type="checkbox"/> Medium
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No significant opposition	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Low

Submitted by: _____

Date: _____

Photos taken September 12, 2014

Photo Point 1: View to the west.



Photo Point 2: View to the northeast, taken from across U.S. Highway 50. For reference, note the U.S. Forest Service entrance sign for the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest.



Photos taken September 12, 2014

Photo Point 3: View to the northwest, taken from across U.S. Highway 50.

